

The modification makes the provision effective government wide.

SECTION 641. The conferees agree to include a provision as proposed by the Senate which amends Title 31 relating to gold clauses.

The conferees do not agree to a Senate provision relating to Judicial Salaries.

The conferees do not agree to a Senate provision relating to cost-of-living adjustments for Members of Congress.

SECTION 642. The conferees agree to include a provision on the Federal Employees' Retirement System.

CONFERENCE TOTAL—WITH COMPARISONS

The total new budget (obligational) authority for the fiscal year 1998 recommended by the Committee of Conference, with comparisons to the fiscal year 1997 amount, the 1998 budget estimates, and the House and Senate bills for 1998 follows:

New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1997	\$24,101,623,000
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1998	25,774,854,000
House bill, fiscal year 1998	25,155,789,000
Senate bill, fiscal year 1998	25,206,539,000
Conference agreement, fiscal year 1998	25,325,767,500
Conference agreement compared with:	
New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1997	+1,224,144,500
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 1998	-449,086,500
House bill, fiscal year 1998	+169,978,500
Senate bill, fiscal year 1998	+119,228,500

For consideration of the House bill, and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

JIM KOLBE,
FRANK R. WOLF,
BOB LIVINGSTON,
STENY H. HOYER,
DAVID OBEY,

Managers of the Part of the House.

BEN NIGHTHORSE
CAMPBELL,
RICHARD SHELBY,
TED STEVENS,
HERB KOHL,
BARBARA A. MIKULSKI,
ROBERT C. BYRD,

Managers on the Part of the Senate.

As additional conferees solely for consideration of Titles I through IV of the House bill, and Titles I through IV of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

ERNEST ISTOOK,
ANNE M. NORTUP,
CARRIE P. MEEK,

Managers of the Part of the House.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. HEFNER (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of illness in the family.

Mr. UNDERWOOD (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today through Wednesday, October 1, on account of official business.

Mr. RANGEL (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of official business.

Ms. HARMAN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of

traveling en route to Washington from official business in the district.

Mr. FATTAH (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of personal business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. McNULTY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GREEN, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SNYDER, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. DOGGETT, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. FARR of California, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DUNCAN) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. CHAMBLISS, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. KINGSTON, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. HUTCHINSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HULSHOF, for 5 minutes, on October 1.

Mr. NORWOOD, for 5 minutes each day, on today, September 30, and October 1.
Mr. BILBRAY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. McNULTY) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. NADLER.
Mr. POSHARD.
Mr. KANJORSKI.
Mr. FROST.
Mrs. MEEK of Florida.
Mr. LAFALCE.
Mr. STARK.
Mr. LANTOS.
Mr. KIND.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DUNCAN) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. SAXTON.
Mr. FORBES.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SHADEGG) and to include extraneous matter:)

Ms. PELOSI.
Mrs. TAUSCHER.
Mr. KLINK.
Mr. ABERCROMBIE.
Mr. BARR of Georgia.
Mr. KUCINICH.
Mr. PACKARD.

Mr. WEYGAND.
Mr. PAYNE.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1420. An act to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to improve the management of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 871. An act to establish the Oklahoma City National Memorial as a unit of the National Park System; to designate the Oklahoma City Memorial Trust, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SHADEGG. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 52 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, September 30, 1997, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

5215. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Nectarines and Peaches Grown in California; Revision of Handling Requirements for Fresh Nectarines and Peaches [Docket No. FV96-916-3 FIR] received September 29, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5216. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Milk in the New Mexico-West Texas Marketing Area; Suspension of Certain Provisions of the Order [DA-97-07] received September 29, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5217. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Change in Handling Regulation for Area No. 2 [Docket No. FV97-948-1 IFR] received September 26, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5218. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Suspension of Provisions Concerning Certain Offers of Reserve Raisins to Handlers for Free Use [Docket No. FV-97-989-2 FR] received September 26, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5219. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting